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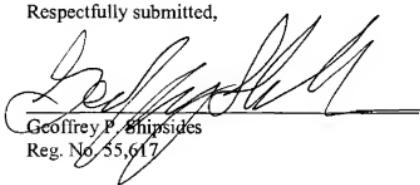
In order to advance prosecution, Applicant amends independent claims 1, 27, and 41 to incorporate the indicated allowable subject matter of dependent claims 5, 30, and 45, respectively and cancels claims 4, 5, 30, 44, and 45. In light of the amendments, the rejections of claims 1, 3, 4, 11-27, 29, 32, 33, 35, 36, 41, 44, and 49-59 in the Office Action mailed April 26, 2007 are now moot. This application is now in condition for allowance.

Because Applicant believes that the claims, prior to amendment, contained allowable subject matter, Applicant reserves the right to pursue claims of the same or similar scope in a continuation application. It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue, or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue, or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

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Respectfully submitted,

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